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Newsletter #76:

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Greetings! Has anyone ever mentioned that Chicago is a city of extremes? This is the case particularly with the weather. Today I decided that my mode of transport would be by bike. So many people have looked at me with wonder as I ride my bike in local Oak Park, IL at temperatures of 91 degrees fahrenheit (33 degrees celcius for you outside of the U.S.). That said I am enjoying the relatively quiet days before the ANA in Philadelphia. I hope you are as well. In terms of auctions there isn't a lot going on but we still have some upcoming notable sales. Check out my website if you have the urge to see some nice coins. I've had several people mention to me that they didn't notice that I had a type they were looking for. I try to keep up with people's interests and reach out but sometimes it is difficult to remember. My site can be found at www.shannaschmidt.com

Savoca 8th Blue Auction (July 14-15)

Savoca, out of Munich, Germany, has 2 days of e-auctions with 1,949 lots. The majority of the coins are ancient with a handful of world coinage being offered. Savoca has different tier levels for their auctions. To be honest I've never been able to figure them out but they are apparently based on quality levels. If I'm wrong I'm sure I'll hear about it after this newsletter is out.

trade shows. I've met them more than a few times and they are delightful people. Their coins are reasonably estimated and they are easy to work with. You can check out their auction on Sixbid or Numisbids.

Chris Rudd 159 E Auction (July 15)

Anyone that collects Celtic coinage knows of the company Chris Rudd. They have published and they have quality material available. Their sales are small in comparison with other auction houses (this one has mere 37 coins) but Celtic is the primary focus of their business. In fact, if you look at their website you'll see that they emphasize that Chris Rudd is the only dealer that deals solely in Celtic. Elizabeth (Liz) Cottam runs the firm out of Aylsham, Norfolk, which happens to be the "land of the Iceni" (taken from the website!). The auction on the 15th will be over before it begins so if you are interested take a peek at Sixbid or Numisbids.

VAuctions - Triskeles Auction 331 (July 16)

Triskeles has 396 coins coming to auction on July 16. Not to cheat but this is what Triskeles wrote about their upcoming auction (if it is explained nicely then why rewrite it?): "Triskeles 24 consists of 396 lots and features the KJG Collection of British Celtic Coins as well as an outstanding selection of Eastern Greek issues from the Parthian and Sasanian Empires and other non-classical cultures. Additionally, the sale has a number of interesting Greek, Roman Provincial and Roman Imperial issues, and eighty-seven affordably estimated Group Lots. Bidding runs now until June 29, 2018, at which time lots will begin closing at 1 PM CST / 8 PM CEST, and will close in 20 second intervals". You can view this auction on Sixbid or Numisbids.

NEW book - Coins of the Ptolemaic Empire (Vol. 1 and 2) by Catherine Lorber

This is a long anticipated publication from the amazing Cathy Lorber (she is also a lovely person for those that know her). Similar in importance to the two volume set of Seleucid Coinage she co-wrote with Arthur Houghton, this book will prove to be one of the most important collections since Svoronos on Ptolemaic coinage. The first set (the second one still needs to be published) is expensive but I can assure you it will be well worth your investment if you collect coins from the Ptolemaic period. I've pre-ordered the book from the ANS (members of the ANS get a discount which is incentive to join!). Here is a link to the book and more about the contents and its author.

<http://numismatics.org/store/lorber/>

I mentioned the upcoming coin shows recently but it is worth mentioning again since I hope some of you might attend and coordinating travel ahead of time is imperative.

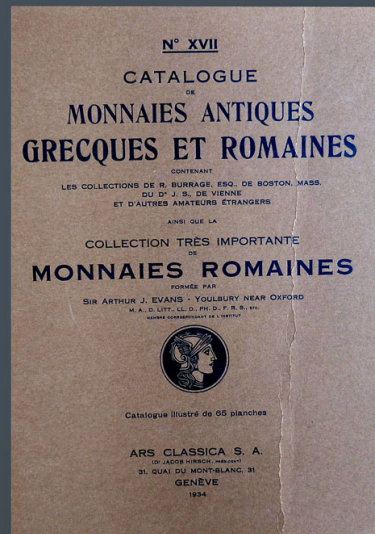
The ANA in Philadelphia is just around the corner. The show is August 14-18 at the Philadelphia Convention Center. The PNG is having a one day show prior to the start of the ANA and I will be exhibiting there on August 13. My table for PNG day will likely be different from my table for the ANA. My table number is 1428 and I will be right next to the ANS. I hope you'll consider joining the ANS as well if you decide to attend. It is a great organization that supports collecting in so many ways. Of course if you live in the New York area you will get much more out of the ANS as they have plentiful lectures and events. I still recommend joining even if you aren't a New Yorker. We need to support organizations like the ANS and the ANA. If you live outside the U.S. then joining a coin organization is a great way to find like minded people. Here is a link to the World's Fair of Money show:

<https://www.money.org/worldsfairofmoney>

The Coinex trade show in London will take place on September 28-29. This is another fun trade show that is worth considering if you never have been. I have walked the show the last years and it has been a great experience. There are also auctions that take place around and during the show so it is truly an event and a way to meet dealers on the other side of the pond.

The Whitman Coin Expo which takes place several times a year in Baltimore happens October 25-28 this coming Fall. I took a table at the show last year and expect to exhibit this year as well. It was a fun show and is growing in popularity. Here is a link to that show:

<http://expo.whitman.com/>



Coin of the Week

Trajan Decius. 249–251 AD. Rome, 5th officina. 2nd–3rd emissions, AD 249–250
AE Double Sestertius, 44.62g (37mm, 1h). IMP C M Q TRAIANVS DECIVS AVG, radiate
and cuirassed bust right / VICT ORIA AVG, Victory advancing left, holding wreath in
right hand and palm frond in left; S C across field.

*Pedigree: Ex Sternberg XXVIII (30 October 1995), lot 264; Numismatic Fine Arts XXIX (13
August 1992), lot 416; Sir Arthur J. Evans Collection (Ars Classica XVII, 3 October 1934), lot
1685 (small deposit below bust removed since); Sir John Evans Collection*

Price: \$8,000

*Trajan Decius has the distinction to be the first Roman emperor to die on the battlefield. The
battle of Atritus took place in Moesia Inferior, which is in modern day Bulgaria. Decius,
inherited the name Trajan from his predecessor Trajan (ruled 98–117 AD) who took the
boundaries of the Roman empire to its capacity. The Battle of Atritus pitted the Romans
against the territory-infringing Goths, headed by Cniva. Essentially the Goths were in a losing
battle but in an astounding turn of events, this final battle took the lives of both Trajan Decius
and his son Herennius Etruscus. Some sources say Herennius died by an arrow at the very
beginning of the battle which demoralized the army. To reignite the fight in his soldiers,
Trajan Decius proclaimed that no one should mourn one soldier and that it would ultimately
not effect the Republic. According to ancient sources, Cniva was very tactical in his approach
and positioned one part of his army behind a marsh. This effectively crippled Trajan Decius
and his army as they got trapped and were at a disadvantaged state in the boggy area.*

*This coin was in the collection of the famous Sir Arthur John Evans (1851–1941), an English
archaeologist who was also known for his excavations at Knossos. Previous to Sir Arthur J.
Evans, the coin was in the collection of his father, Sir John Evans (1823–1908), a noted
archaeologist, as well as a numismatist, himself being president of the Numismatic Society.*

*References: Banti 29 (this coin illustrated); Gnechhi III 6, pl. 161, 4; RCTV 9397 (this coin
illustrated)*

Grade: A pleasant strike with wonderful centering. Very minor wear. Good VF

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rq=re1053](https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-empire/oqin4t5cw1ppgbgjygbvuiq2eyjds1?rq=re1053)

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